



# NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Preventing Accidents in the Home

### Living Room & Family Rooms

- Keep portable space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can catch fire including walls and curtains.
- Use a metal or glass fireplace screen. Have the chimney checked and cleaned regularly.
- Put lighters and matches where small children won't find them.
- Allow plenty of air space around the TV and stereo to prevent overheating.
- Check for worn or frayed extension cords or other electrical cords.
- Extension cords should not run under rugs.
- Check for overloaded outlets or extension cords.

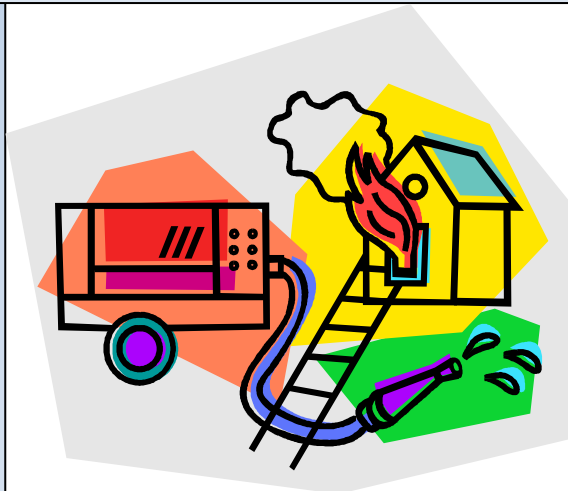
Electrical sockets should be covered

### Bedroom

- Smoke detectors should be tested regularly to be sure they are functioning correctly.
- Have a working flashlight next to each bed.
- Have a fire escape plan and be sure each member of the family knows it.
- Plan two escapes from each bedroom in case of fire.
- If you smoke, DO NOT smoke in bed.

### Outdoors

- Roofing material, whether it is asphalt shingle, shake shingle, tile, or slate can be treated with fire retardant processes.
- Don't ever use gasoline on a grill. Once the fire has been started, never use lighter fluid. Use dry kindling to revive the fire.



### Garage, Storage and Outdoors

- Store gasoline and other flammables in tight metal containers. Don't use flammable liquids near heat, a pilot light, or while smoking.
- Have heating equipment checked yearly.
- Replace blown fuses with one the correct size.
- Don't store things near the furnace or heater.
- Oily, greasy rags should be kept in labeled and sealed non-glass containers, preferably metal.
- Get rid of stored newspaper or other rubbish. Newspapers stored in a damp, warm place may ignite spontaneously.
- Keep all chemicals, paints, etc. in their original containers.
- Set your water heater at 130 degrees Fahrenheit.

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